

# Cut Prices



We have used a sharp knife and spared nothing in our stock of

Dress Goods,

Millinery

Ladies Jackets

and Capes

and all winter goods. The season has arrived for a general re-arrangement and to make room for our new Spring stock we have spared nothing in the line of Winter goods, which are yet very desirable and seasonable goods. Of course the early buyers get the best pickings; the tardy ones will find incomplete lots. Call early and get the best bargains.

## Earnest Dry Goods Co.

### New Grocery! New Goods!

FRESH AND RELIABLE STOCK OF

#### STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES.

At the Lowest Living Prices.

Prompt delivery free to any part of the city. A share of your patronage is solicited.

N. N. WAKEFIELD.  
Corner Marion Avenue and King Street.

Big Supply of Stove Wood Cut to any length desired. Orders filled promptly at the LOWEST PRICES.

### For Rock Bottom Prices in STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES

FRESH and RELIABLE

and also the cheapest crockery in town.

CALL ON

## Southerland Bros.

N. D. SMITH. F. C. LEE. J. W. LESTER.

### The Tampa Monumental Works,

MANUFACTURERS OF

#### Marble and Granite Monuments,

Headstones and Tablets.

TAMPA, FLORIDA.

HIGH GRADE IRON FENCING A SPECIALTY.  
ESTIMATES ON BUILDING MARBLE FURNISHED.

## To the People of Punta Gorda and Vicinity

I beg to announce that I am adding to my stock of **First Class Groceries, Fruits and Confectioneries** a big line of **GROCERY, GLASSWARE AND TINWARE.**

and will continue to put in new lines of goods of different kinds as may be required until my stock is second to none in town.

I respectfully invite you to call and inspect my stock and prices, assuring you of

**SATISFACTION IN BOTH PRICE AND QUALITY OF GOODS.**

Very truly yours,  
THOS. O'R. JAMESON,

Welch Block. Punta Gorda

WRITE TO—

### FOR ORANGE TREES

THE GRIFFING BROTHERS CO.  
Jacksonville, Florida.

—P. O. BOX 533 B.—

#### WE HAVE 'EM—ALL VARIETIES.

Shipped on four or five Sweet Orange, Rough Lemon or the Hardy Citrus Trifoliate stock.

**Fine Trees—FREIGHT PREPAID—Low Prices.**

Oranges, Grape Fruits, Kumquats, etc., budded upon Citrus Trifoliate, bearing in the nursery.

A complete line of Nursery Stock, especially adapted for Florida and the lower South.

PEACHES, PLUMS, PEARBLOSSOMS, GRAFTED OR BUDDED PEACHES, GRAPE FRUIT, ORNAMENTAL TREES, ROSES, ETC., ETC.

EVERYTHING FOR GARDEN OR ORCHARD

THE POMONA NURSERIES, Macclenny, Miami and Jacksonville, Fla.

Bring your work to this office when you want any kind of printing done, and so patronize home folks.

## FIRE, HEALTH AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE!

JOHN H. FARRINGTON - Agent.

Active Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn.  
Continental Fire Insurance Company of New York  
Pacific Fire Insurance Company of New York  
The Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York

Do you know what HEALTH INSURANCE is? It may be worth \$2 per week to you, but this agency and be informed.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

PERSONAL POINTERS FITLY PRINTED.

Various Items Garnered From This and Other Fields—What Our People Are Doing.

Today is Arbor Day.

New moon tomorrow, the 8th. Arcadia Masonic Lodge will soon erect a fine two-story building.

Remember the entertainment for the benefit of the high school.

Jacob J. Bond has been appointed postmaster at Calvinia.

Dr. F. C. Latham is paying Tampa a business visit today.

Peach trees are blooming in various parts of the county.

O. Holmes has been appointed postmaster at Glen, this county.

Perceptibly longer are the days going to be.

Don't forget that THE HERALD has plenty of nice, clean newspapers for sale at 20 cents a hundred.

The usual Sunday zephyrs fanned this section on the 2d. And Monday morning the mercury registered 40.

Rain is really needed. We've had only one plentiful shower since last September.

There is a demand here for clam bakes and clam broth. Fishermen should bring in a supply.

Rev. H. C. Peelman has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Baptist church of Noocate.—Advocate.

There may be larger and fatter oysters than those taken in the bay here, but we have never met with them.

Sun rises at 8 minutes past 7 and sets at 22 minutes past 5. At the end of the month the sun will rise at 6:30 and set at 5:45.

Sunday will be Quinquagesima Sunday, and Shrove Tuesday comes on February 11, with Ash Wednesday February 12.

Venus, which shines brightly now, will cease to be the Evening star after February 14, when it becomes the Morning star until November 28.

It takes lots of hustling to publish a newspaper in a long primer town—lots of hustling to make both ends meet.

Mr. E. B. Peter, representing D. P. Godfrey & Co., of New York, was interviewing our orange growers Wednesday.

A moving picture entertainment will be given at Masonic Hall Saturday night for the benefit of the high school.

Mrs. W. H. Towles and sister, Miss Anne Belle Boyd, of Fort Myers, spent the week with their mother, Mrs. Boyd, of Hotel King.

Mr. Wm. H. Stevens, of Towanda, Pa., who is spending the winter in Englewood, was a pleasant caller at this office Tuesday.

Gent's and boys tailor made clothing. Suits made to order. Hundreds of new samples to select from and prices way down. R. C. BLOUNT.

Messrs. W. H. and Lewis P. Seward, of Arcadia, are visiting Mrs. R. K. Seward of this city, who will pay them a return visit next week.

The ladies aid society of the Presbyterian church will give an apron party at the Tucker home Tuesday, February 11. Refreshments will be served. Admission, 10 cents.

Weather forecasts for February predict general rains over the south Atlantic states about the 21st to the 24th followed by a cold wave of unusual severity.

Mr. Wm. Crouch has laid a nice cement sidewalk in front of his new residence on Marion avenue, which is occupied by Mr. Geo. T. Brown and family.

News: The Supreme Court has advanced the contested case of Sandlin vs. Southerland on the docket, and an oral argument will be heard on February 11.

Arcadia News, January 31: Mrs. J. H. Andrews died last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock of pneumonia and was buried in Oak Ridge cemetery Monday morning. She left an infant two weeks old.

The tourists used to hustle home North in March. Now they remain until May, which is a wise thing to do, as March and April are winter months in all the states north of the Ohio river.

Telephone connection with Arcadia is near at hand. Manager White, of the DeSoto Insurance Co., went out this week and secured the necessary poles and will begin putting them up next week. The extension of the system from Punta Gorda to Arcadia will prove a great public convenience.

## DIDN'T GET IT.

THE HERALD man spent two days at Arcadia this week waiting on the county commissioners to act upon an offer to do the public printing and advertising. Of two propositions practically identical, the board preferred that of the DeSoto News on the ground of its being published at the county seat. No consideration is named in the contract, but it is tacitly understood that its acceptance by the board includes the publication of the delinquent tax list.

THE HERALD man was told before going to Arcadia that he could not get the business, but he tried for it nevertheless. He has no mud to sling nor howl to raise because he did not get it. Perhaps his time may come next year.

Wood! Wood!—Big supply thoroughly seasoned stove wood, at N. N. Wakefield's. 3-11

A newly married couple from Springfield, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel G. Henderson, are camping at the bridge over Alligator creek near Col. Wm. Marshall's. The story of their marriage during the first part of January is tinged with romance and caused a great deal of talk in Springfield. The bride was Miss Catha B. Eads and she was a teacher in the city schools. Although her parents consented to her marriage and spent \$300 on her trousseau, she preferred to elope; and so she put on men's clothes and went to New York, where she and Mr. Henderson were married. Afterwards, she was arrested in Baltimore for wearing male attire, but was speedily released and came on here with her husband. They are enjoying life in this delicious climate and all of us "crackers" rejoice in their joy.

Rooms for rent—three good ones. Apply to N. N. Wakefield. 3-11

The members of the Punta Gorda Methodist church are very grateful to the Fort Wayne Organ Co., of Fort Wayne, Indiana, for their generous kindness in putting the church organ in thorough repair without making any charge for the work. The express company, however, charged \$2.50 to carry the bellows to Fort Wayne and \$4.50 to bring it back, for which no thanks are returned.—J. H. S.

Pay less and dress better is the motto of BLOUNT. Suits made to order and a fit guaranteed. R. C. BLOUNT. 3-11

They have a big name and they deserve it: the P. G. M. & S. S. Co. They are a big concern; keep everything any reasonable man should want to eat and sell it at the very lowest prices. Their stock, too, is always clean and fresh and you may rely upon getting the best your money will pay for. Be sure to read their advertisement on this page and give them a call.

Nobbiest and biggest line samples of gent's spring and summer clothing you ever saw just received at R. C. BLOUNT'S. 5-11

Fort Myers Press, Jan. 30: Rev. T. J. Purdie came over from Punta Gorda on Saturday, and conducted morning and evening services at the Episcopal church on Sunday. His sermons were both interesting and he is giving satisfaction to his congregation here.

Call on N. N. Wakefield for your hay and grain. 3-11

Our fishermen are unable to keep up with the demand for bottom fish, which is greater now than for a long time past. Sheephead are especially in demand. Mullet, however, are going slow, the demand for them not being nearly as active as in November last.

For correctly fitting, handsomely tailored clothing at lower prices than ever, call on R. C. BLOUNT, exclusive resident agent of the Royal Tailors. Big line new samples just received. 5-11

Henry Jackson, colored, took a drink of whisky last Saturday afternoon and it made him crazy. The marshal locked him up, but he did not fully regain his wits until Tuesday. Any sort of liquor is dangerous, but the blind tiger stuff is most likely to kill.

New spring and summer suits for men and boys. Latest styles. Made to order by the Royal Tailors of Chicago. Measures taken by R. C. BLOUNT. 5-11

Electric lights, nice drives, shell roads, artesian wells, nice parks, convenient bathing houses, and cottages with a fireplace in each room, is what will make any seaside resort popular.

Go to McLane & Sons' for hardware and cutlery—hoes, axes, hatchets, hammers, hand saws, squares, pocket rules, etc.; pocket knives, table knives and forks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wryand, of Logansport, Indiana, have taken the Johnnie Jack cottage for the winter. They first went to Fort Myers, but after prospecting there decided in favor of Punta Gorda.

Sewing machine needles, all kinds, at the Earnest Dry Goods Co.'s.

Mr. James Garfield King, a prominent young gentleman of Arcadia who is very popular here, was mingling with Punta Gorda friends Monday.

Full line of tinware and cooking stoves and cooking utensils at McLane & Sons' Also a big lot of watering pots.

Mr. J. E. Fisher, a prominent citizen of New York, passed through here Saturday on his way to Hotel Tarpon Grove City, to spend the winter.

## Complimentary Extract.

One of the largest corporations in the South last week offered THE HERALD an advertisement which was declined because of the limited compensation proposed. Touching this, the Florida representative of the company writes under date of the 31st ult:

"Yours of the 27th inst. is, disappointing to us, as we had anticipated with the greatest of pleasure doing some business with you this year. We have realized the value of your paper and know that it is one of the best in your section. I hope very much you will reconsider and make an effort to handle our advertisement."

This is quite complimentary to THE HERALD as an advertising medium.

That live, progressive gentleman, Mr. J. Oliver, has become a partner in the popular McLane mercantile establishment and the firm is now McLane and Oliver. This accession will increase both the popularity and the efficiency of the house. The stock, which comprises nearly everything from a paper of pins to an elegant set of furniture, a box of matches to a cargo of flour and bacon, will be enlarged, and the usual low prices will be given to all customers. Read their advertisement and then go around and see them.

The hop at Hotel Punta Gorda Monday night was attended by about a hundred people, all of whom enjoyed it immensely. The festivities, which began at 9 p.m., lasted till 2:30 a.m., and were rounded off with elegant refreshments. Those present are very grateful to Manager Van Riper for his thoughtfulness and skill in providing such a delightful occasion.

Mr. J. Anderson, a bright and skilled artist, has come to town and set up a photograph gallery. Of course he wants the public patronage, to which end he offers excellent work and low prices. See his advertisement.

Schooner Carrie A. Lane, Bermuda, McIntyre master, sailed for Baltimore Wednesday with 1215 tons of phosphate.

Mr. J. M. Morgan is suffering from a very painful, if not serious wound on his leg caused by a box of oranges falling against it. He is scarcely able to walk.

Punta Gorda has the location and advantages to rival and eclipse any of the East coast towns. If Punta Gorda does not do it, the fault will not be with Nature, who has provided a lovely spot for man to beautify.

Tourists catch plenty of catfish, which look nice and eatable. And they can hardly believe, when told, that salt water catfish are unfit for food.

Sheriff Fielder has sued the county for \$75.75, for horse and servant hire claimed to have been used in county work. The case will now be settled in the courts, as the county commissioners refuse to pay the charges.

The A. G. Allen's New Orleans Minstrel which exhibited here Tuesday is a good, clean, moral show. The performances were good and the young negro acrobat is a marvel. It is the largest tented minstrel show that has ever visited South Florida.

Any one who wishes to buy a good horse or mule should read the advertisement of W. E. Robertson, Arcadia, Fla., which appears in this week's paper.

Editor J. F. Sherwood, of the Inverness Chronicle, and Mr. Walter Ray, of Elliston, Florida, registered at the Dade Tuesday. They left on steamer H. B. Plant for Fort Myers the next morning.

Wauchula Advocate: We understand that Sheriff Fielder has sued the county for \$800, the county commissioners having refused to pay his bill. Energetic sheriffs seem to come a bit high.

## Twenty-five Horses and Mules for Sale.

I am offering the above stock very cheap for cash. I have bargains in saddle and buggy horses and mules for hauling, and can suit any reasonable man in character and price of animal. Also, two-horse wagons, both light and heavy, at bargain prices. Any one wishing to buy should satisfy himself by calling and inspecting the stock. W. E. ROBERTSON. 5-1m Arcadia, Fla.

Remembrance Sale  
The Woman's Guild of the Episcopal church will give a rummage sale at the next door to the King hotel Saturday afternoon and night February 8th from 2 to 9 o'clock. Ice cream and cake will be served. Every body come and see what we can do for you. Many useful articles will be on sale.

NOTICE  
Arnold's Photograph Gallery at Arcadia will be closed after May 1. Special rates from now until closed. N. B.—Special reductions will be made to those coming from Punta Gorda on account of railroad fare. F. G. ARNOLD, Photographer. 3-11 Arcadia.

FOR SALE OR RENT  
Cottage with four large rooms on King street, near the business center. Large lot, with fruit trees, flowers, water, etc. T. O'R. JAMESON. 4-11

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This is a good remedy on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day

# Inventory Sale.

FOR the next two weeks we will sell all Dress goods, Outings, Flannels, Jackets, Capes, Millinery, etc., at or

## Below Cost.

Great Slaughter in Millinery. Hats, value \$1, \$1.50 and 2.00, now 58 cents.

Ladies, remember this sale lasts 14 days from February 1st.

Now is the time to Buy. The goods must be sold at some price. We need the room and are willing to slaughter the goods to get it. Come early and get first selection as the goods will not last long at the price.

## J. R. Elliott.

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU EAT!

Good Health Demands

## Wholesome Food,

SUCH AS YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND AT THE

## P. G. M. AND S. S. CO.

(Punta Gorda Market and Ship Supply Co.)

Everything in the Grocery line, including Fresh Meats, of all kinds, Fruits, Vegetables Eggs, and Chickens. Rock bottom prices throughout. Prompt Free Delivery.

## Seward's.

Whole wheat and Graham flour at SEWARD'S. Before painting or re-painting your house get Seward's prices on paints, oils and Atlantic lead. New stock of ready mixed paints received this week.

Seward's hardware department may not be the most complete in the United States, but when it comes to prices, he'll startle creation. Ship chandlery, building material, tools, implements, etc., at honest prices.

Seward will positively save you 25 to 50 per cent on footwear. This is what scores of new customers tell us, and they speak the truth. Honest goods at live and let live prices is our motto. A new stock of good, durable shoes just opened.

Go to Seward's for fresh, first-class groceries at the lowest possible prices.

Remember, that R. K. Seward is agent for both Mapes' and Wilson & Loomis's fertilizers—best manufactured.

Seward's gent's' furnishing department is recognized by all thinking people as a money-saving annex. Here you get regular 50-cent articles for a quarter.

Seward will supply you with anything from a needle to a brick house, at the lowest prices. Remember this.

## Seward's.

## The Old Reliable!!

Every Body in Punta Gorda and the Surrounding country knows where to

**Get His Money's Worth**

of the Best Groceries and Dry Goods and that the

## BIGGEST STOCK IN TOWN

is always to be found at

## E. WOTITZKY'S.

Having been in Punta Gorda for years, he knows what the people want and he is always ready to serve them to their satisfaction. That is why he is doing the

## Largest Business Of All

WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE  
For 20 Years Has Led all Worm Remedies.  
SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.  
JAMES F. BALLARD, St. Louis.  
For sale by the DeSoto Drug Co.